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NATIONAL CULTURE

"A national culture is the soul of a people, and the idea that a people can lose its soul and retain its identity is of a piece with the rest of dialectical materialism. That the English, can adopt negro cacophony, Hollywood ideals of manners and morals, Jewish *economics* and monopolistic politics and Masonic "theology" and still remain "English" is a naive conception which, in an elementary fashion, any motor-car manufacturer would deride. Mr. Henry Ford tried to make Ford cars and the equivalent of the Rolls-Royce under one control. The Ford didn't approximate to the Rolls-Royce; but Mr. Ford's attempt at the Rolls-Royce closely approximated to the Ford. This country has no genius for "mass" conceptions—even its industrial ability is individualistic; and of course we are told from every quarter that the brave new world has no use for that kind of thing. Maybe so: and with it, good-bye to England.."

Major C. H. Douglas, 1946

"ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS"

"Let our friends do the work for us."

Was one of the main rallying battle-cries of Georgi Dimitrov, one of the founding Communist leaders of the Comintern. (**The Communist International founded in 1919.**) The one characteristic of the idealist "Useful Idiots" that the Comintern knew that it could count on 100 percent in this war to the death against Western Civilisation was loyalty. It is a sad fact that "The Left" in Britain, which the natives in all the Home Nations developed, is an almost predetermined inclination (The outcome of over 300 years of Puritan Judaeo Christian and Freemasonic indoctrination) to fall for the National Culture wrecking "Black Magic" tenets of Fabian Society Socialism; which since its formation in the late 19th Century, when, the present plot to destroy Organic Britain was unleashed is undoubtedly still the main driver of "Leftism" in Britain today.

The main constant proposition of the Fabian Socialists " The Left " per se, which has remained unchanged since 1884 and more especially when the Economic component of this Conspiracy against Sovereign Briton was unleashed via the "London School of Economic" is still used with as much conviction by every Political Party (The so called Conservative Party, the nonScottish National Party et al.) today is: The poor are poor because the rich are rich. This Marxian "proposal" which has taken on the allure of an unchallengeable "Truth" prescribes that the poor can only become richer by the State levelling across the board high confiscation of Taxation against the Rich. Now, as Major Douglas alluded to in his brilliant 1937 exposition "Dictatorship by Taxation" by making the RICH poor, the only change that is effected by this clearly ludicrous proposition is now everyone is POOR!

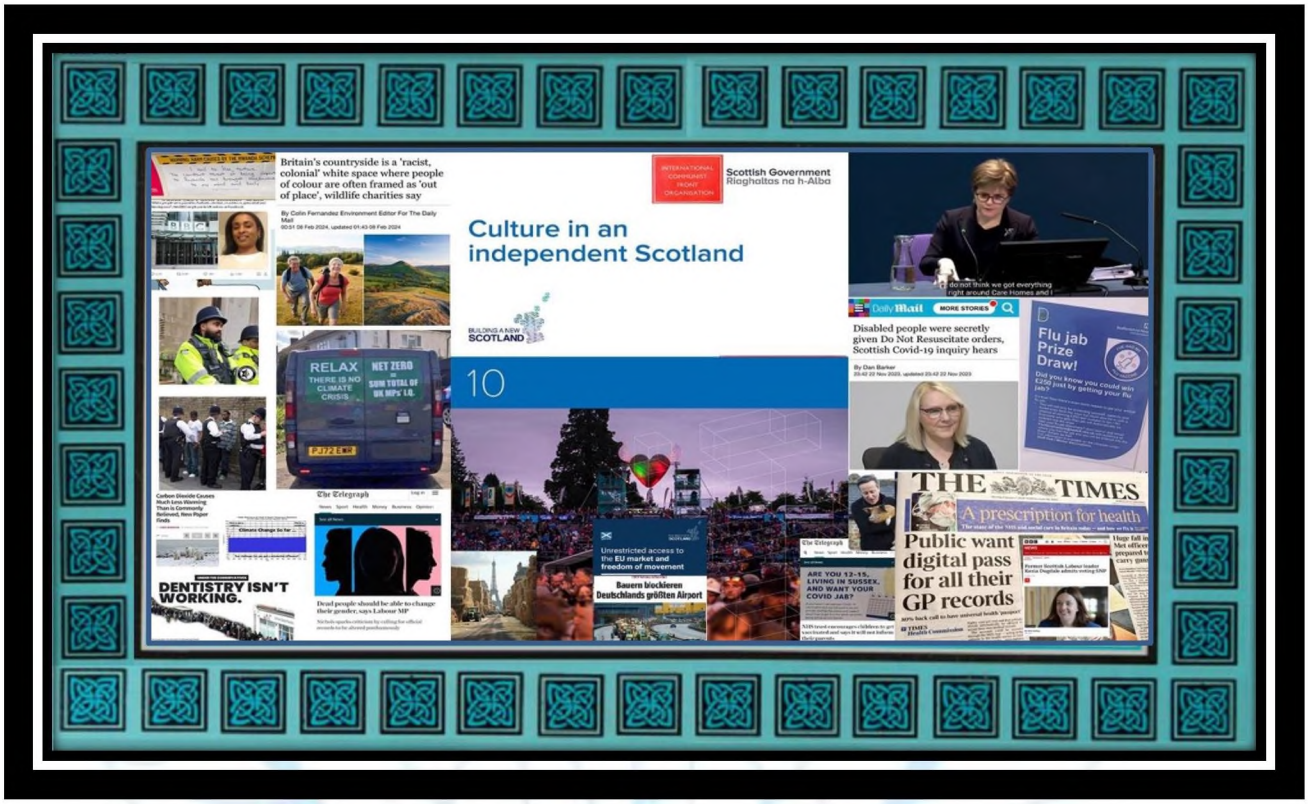
What should be clear to anyone retaining a modicum of native intelligence in regards to the never ending climate of crisis and the manufactured fear daily promulgated by the purveyors of High Treason— the Satanic (The inversion of reality) Conspiracy fraudulently "trading" under the once Sovereign H.M. Government, aka.— the foreign owned and alien run political administrations run out of Downing Street and Red Holyrood is the sheer unadulterated scale of this criminal deception for the "Common Good" to blindly Rob! Follow the Science Liquidate and Comprehensively Eradicate every single facet of Traditional Organic England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

"We have retrograded thousands of years under the partly half-baked and partly **traitorous teachings** of the post-1848 Commu-Socialism absorbed by inexperienced "workers". Defective as the nineteenth century money system undoubtedly was, nothing has ever come so near to a perfect economic device, and its rectification would have made the present discontents not merely unreasonable but incredible. That is why the rectification was not permitted."

"THE CHIEF GIFT OF NATURE"

When besieged by ambitious tyrants I find a means of offence and defence in order to preserve the chief gift of nature, which is liberty. —Leonardo da Vinci.

FROM WEEK TO WEEK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With the ever-increasing "Open Season" attacks by the bought and paid for media on Native Britons and their natural relationship to their bosom countryside; a ploy taken straight out of the Soviet Communist subversive "Active Measures" text book, now an accepted mainstream media occurrence, back in the 1960s when "Communists" and their activates were correctly identified as clear and present danger to Western Civilisation and appropriately dealt with as treasonous behaviour the repentant Soviet KGB spy Whittaker Chambers who came to NATIONWIDE media prominence in America after spilling the beans on a high ranking communist spy at the heart of the Federal Government in Washington DC revealed that the "**Communists look upon the countryside only to organize, that is to say, to Destroy it!" Course Dave you'd know all about KGB activates yourself. . . a nods as good as a wink to a blind horse, or was it a blind pig?**

It is a curious fact that the decreasing number of people who pour scorn on "World Plot" explanations of the present state of the world (not of one country only) do not appear to recognise the implications of their opinion. If they were right, the present discontents are inherent; we can do nothing more about them than we can do about the normal equipment of mankind with two legs and two arms. But if the "Plot" theory is correct then we can deal with it, great though the difficulties may be. Either all men are alike, as the Socialists would have us believe; or some are turned to the Light, and some love the Dark. That is the awful interpretation of the Judgment.

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"It is not enough for revolution that the exploited and oppressed masses should understand the impossibility of living in the old way and demand changes; for the revolution it is necessary that the exploiters should not be able to live and rule in the old way. Only when the 'lower classes' do not want the old way, and when the 'upper classes' cannot carry on in the old way—only then can revolution triumph.

This truth may be expressed in other words: ***Revolution is impossible without a nation-wide crisis (affecting both the exploited and the exploiters.*** It follows that for revolution it is essential, first, that a majority of the workers (or at least a majority of the class conscious, thinking, politically active workers) should fully understand the necessity for revolution and be ready to sacrifice their lives for it; secondly, that the ruling classes should be passing through a governmental crisis which would draw even the most backward masses into politics . . . weaken the government and make it possible for the revolutionaries to overthrow it rapidly." (Comrade Lenin, quoted by Generalissimo Stalin).

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SCOTOPHOBIA in **Tumshie** MSP Holyrood Scotland

A Scotchman presented King James with a Turnip of an extraordinary and prodigious size; which is a root the Scotchmen love very much. The King pleased with the humor, gave him an hundred pounds, which another courtier seeing, If the King, thought he, reward a Turnip-giver so liberally, what will he do to him that offers a greater present; and thereupon presents the King with a very excellent Race-horse, wherefore the King turning to his Nobles, said, ***What shall we give this man?*** *and when all were silent,* ***By my soul men****, said he,* ***let us give him the Turnip!****" Versatile Ingenium, The Wittie Companion (London, 1679) as quoted by Tim Harris, in Scotland in the Wider World....*

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We lost the trick of going all starry-eyed over the pleas of innocence, we should have dunn better i.e. ignorance, and one eyed (As Alister Jack, so eloquently phrased it) crocodile tears of what are laughingly called politicians, some time ago. But we have to admit that the gyrations of the professional islamists, socialists, communists and other 'ists,' which dominate the unScottish National Party holed up in "Red" Holyrood, that "mecca" of **"Building a <u>New</u> Scotland"** peopled by Third Worlders, progressive civic nationalist termed "New Scots" on good old fashioned "**Scotophobia"** abysmally never ceases to astonish. With Vaccines, PPE, and democidal Care Homes still to be swept under the Made in China, Tartan Rug at a later date, the first round of the farce known as the "Scottish" Covid 19 Enquiry, when some, not all, even though every single one of them who

supported the tyrannical 'Lockdown" policy of "Red" Holyrood, SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELD TO ACCOUNT! Which, if memory serves right was unanimously **Reinforced** by **all** of the traitorous so called political parties, MSP politicians and the Sovietised Commu-**Collectivist** bureaucracy which under the All-seeing Judaeo-Freemasonic Eye rules the roost— **Enforced,** like all Totalitarian Commu- **Collectivist** Tyranny's with an organised all powerful Politicised Single State Police "Force" —*automata* "POLICE SCOTLAND" thanks to the inherent "Red" Holyrood Commu-**Collectivist** prerogative— **Power without Responsibility** have ALL literally gotten away "Scot Free" with MURDER!

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Every native born Scot should be filled with foreboding FOR in reality the Covid 19 Apocalypse in Scotland highlighted in spades, what many of us have been warning about for ages now; the efficient manner in which a so called secret ballot box, democratically elected body "Red" Holyrood can arrogate despotic powers and in Totalitarian dimensions, i.e. "The Common Good" reminiscent of the mass murdering Twentieth Century Dictatorships ruthlessly "Following the [Flawed] Science" use the full Force of the State to subjugate an entire Nation and, get clean away with it! We can be quite certain that the Dark Forces which were behind erecting this Sovietised Collective Anti- Native Scots Monstrosity. . . "Without a Fee or Subscription" (**As Culture Commisar Angus'Tumshie** of The **Council of People's Commissars on the "Bread and Circuses" Cultural Directive "New" Five Year Plan,** the spearhead for the **"Build A New Scotland."** Terms it on Cultural Propaganda in the sphere of Broadcasting!) "Scottish Government" will not stop in their Satanic (Inversion of reality) self-appointed quest to DESTROY Organic Scotland and in their lightbringers image "Build A New Scotland." Notice how the "Red" Holyrood Communists Judaeo Freemasonic frame it:

"Build A New Scotland" Not develop a Sovereign Scotland of course, because, that entails the doctrines of organic Scotland— FREEDOM AND PERSONAL LIBERTY so majestically laid out in the Christian Declaration of Arbroath; a completely alien concept to these behind closed doors Judaeo Freemasons with their lackey islamists and communists who can't abide heredity Kingship, National Sovereignty, and Natural Christian Law of Freedom of Association, Property Rights and Personal Responsibility, Economic security— to choose or refuse one thing at a time et. al. as these **Tumshies** and Traitors repeatedly say they won't be happy until the native Scots prior to extinction as the once recognisable race they have always been, are sold into permanent political and economic slavery, as they gaslight at every opportunity on all the materialist benefits of being **state-absorbed** into the Satanic E.U. Collective and the melting pot of One World Governance dominated by an unelected, self -electing Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

"Old unhappy far-off things, and battles long ago,"

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For the present we leave it there.

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There is no sounder military maxim than that if you can find out with certainty what your enemy **doesn't want you to do**, **it is worth taking big risks to do it!**

TRANSITION TO TOTALITARIANISM

By H. A. Scoular

Except partially in the economic sphere, we have never had a system which could properly be called democracy.

Democracy literally means government by the people; but the people is a collectivity, and there is no real sense in which a collectivity can exercise self-determination as can the individual. The actions of the whole of society may be determined on behalf of society by individuals specially authorised, in matters affecting society as a whole; thus a universal decision to go to war as a special case, or a universal agreement against murder as a general case, represent collective actions for which individual exponents are required.

But the matters about which all individuals are agreed are extremely few; collective action is practically never the out come of universal self-determination, and when it is not, individuals must clearly be determined against their will.

Any permanent or semi-permanent government therefore involves the determination of the many by the few and what we incorrectly call democracy actually consists of some mechanism by which the many can limit the determination exercised by the few. The British parliamentary and judicial systems at their best probably represented the greatest development of this power of limitation. The whole idea was to limit the power of the Executive. It was not government by the people; it was restraint of government.

The idea that Parliament itself is a governing institution is a corruption of the real idea, and has led to the corruption of Parliament. And the idea of "government by the people" is leading to the destruction of liberty, through the elevation of the idea of government, at the expense of the idea of restraint.

In 1929 Lord Hewart drew public attention to the fact that a self-conscious group was working to remove the restraint of Parliament on the Executive. Its great method was to induce Parliament to pass Acts which empowered "the Minister" to make Regulations having the force of the Act itself—"as if enacted in this Act" is a form of words in use—and, further, to place decisions made by "the Minister" beyond the jurisdiction of the 'Courts.

Lord Hewart's book *(The New Despotism)* succeeded in bringing this process under scrutiny. There ensued a period of crisis for the sponsors. But they successfully argued that under modem complex conditions, this delegated legislation was absolutely vital, and they got away with nothing worse than the creation of a Select Committee of the House of Commons whose duty it is to examine all Regulations, and call the attention of the House to any which it considers should be further considered; and the House has the power to disallow such Regulations, provided it does so within forty days as a rule.

This compromise seemed to meet the danger; in fact it made it graver. For a process that had been going on quietly and almost in secret, had now received a sort of Parliamentary approval, and consequently a great impetus.

And all that was required to defeat the safeguard was such a volume of Regulations which rapidly ensued, as would make ^/any task of proper examination impossibly onerous. Dr. C. K. Allen, in an article in *The Sunday Times* of June 2, 1946, relates that "Not long ago the Committee confessed that it was utterly overwhelmed by its task. One Member complained that the agenda for a single meeting weighed 1 lb. 7 ozs. At another session sixty-seven Orders, many of them technical and complicated, had to be swallowed at a draught. It is not humanly possible for the Legislature, which is supposed to be responsible to the electorate for this kind of government, to keep abreast of what is being done in its name. Every new Act places a bewildering medley of powers in the hands of Ministers."

But the powers are really placed in the hands of bureaucrats. The bureaucracy itself forms a highly, and increasingly, centralised government, concealed behind the increasingly empty parliamentary forms. Some time ago we must have reached the .point where the bureaucracy could completely dispense with Parliament—as, no doubt, it soon would, if a further attempt were made by the green-grocer and engine-driver M.P.s to interfere with the plans of the "experts"—the bureaucrats trained at Sir Ernest Cassel's expense "to run the future Socialist State." Thus at the present time we are governed on totalitarian lines by a bureaucratic dictatorship. The sole advantage we have over frankly totalitarian countries is in the possession of an instrument—Parliament—which *could* be used to assert the sovereignty of the people over the Executive. That is the issue, for nothing else is possible until it is done. We shall certainly go in one of two directions: either . the bureaucracy will abolish the potential threat of Parliament, replacing it with something like the Soviet "Parliament"; or public opinion will force the dictatorship to disgorge the powers it has arrogated, which is an essential preliminary to any sort of reconstruction.

Any new Government—whether Liberal, or Country Party or Douglas Social Credit—which imagines it is going to "do better" than the present party in power is likely to be a menace; for it would have the same false impression of its function, as well as the inexperience which would make it the more malleable in the hands of the experienced bureaucracy.

The position has deteriorated much further in Great Britain than in Australia. As Dr. Allen observes, "the war has virtually killed the immemorial doctrine of *ultra vires* and the peace merely embalms the corpse." But here the doctrine of *ultra vires* is bound up with the integrity of our written Constitution. It is the great barrier to what Emeritus Professor Roscoe Pound calls "administrative absolutism." Dr. Allen refers to Professor Pound as the foremost jurist of America, a "lifelong exponent of sociological jurisprudence and of 'social control' through 'social engineering' ", who yet now utters the most solemn warning against the havoc which is being wrought in American law and life by just this process.

There is a world front of totalitarianism; in the Australian sector lies as a major objective the Constitution. The coming Referendum presents an opportunity to bring its importance to public recognition, and expose the forces working for its overthrow.

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"MRS MERCIER AND HER SON," By PAUL SANDBY. THESE FIGURE DRAWINGS BY SANDBY, BEAUTIFULLY DRAWN AND FULL OF CHARM, ARE MUCH RARER THAN HIS LANDSCAPES. (Pencil and red crayon 7 by 5¾ inc)

THE BRIEF FOR THE PROSECUTION

CHAPTER III

By C. H. DOUGLAS

A few years ago, a reference to "inexorable economic laws" was certain to be well received in the best circles. It had a scientific sound, combined with a slight suggestion of Puritanism and of the essentially inhospitable structure of the universe. In the higher realms of finance and commerce, it became to some extent displaced by the slightly occult word, "trends," which was felt to be even more scientific, as being a cautious under-statement. Neither of these expressions escapes the risk of ribaldry, nowadays.

But the idea was clear enough. The world is an unpredictable place. Terrible things happen, but no-one is essentially to blame for them. On the whole the mathematics of chance and probability rule us, and if we appear to be losing on black, our only course is to put our money on red.

On this theory, wars, revolutions, depressions, business amalgamations, rationalisation and nationalisation, taxes and bureaucrats, are natural phenomena as inevitable as the flowers that bloom in the spring. An attitude of reverent agnosticism combined with disciplined acceptance is all we can adopt pending a codification of the "trends," which clearly require data compiled and card indexed over a long period of time.

It seems inseparable from the acceptation of this theory, however, that we school ourselves to agreement with the remark, "*Credo quia impossibile"* We must be able to believe that the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire had no connection with monetary inflation; that Domesday Book did not interest William the Norman's Jewish advisers, or that the expulsion of the Jews and the suppression of the Knights Templars who became primarily bankers, had no bearing on the prosperity of England in the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. We must be able to believe that the foundation of the Bank of England had no influence on the National Debt, and that the appointment of Mr. Montagu Norman as Life Governor was an accident to which his American connections and the visit of Lord Reading to Washington in 1917, made no contribution.

Clearly, it is much easier to hold this negative view **of** history if we are prevented from noticing that similar events frequently have similar causes. If we are told that the fall of Rome was due to immorality or malaria, and that William the Conqueror thought of Domesday Book all by himself, that the Jews who accompanied him were "refugees from Christian intolerance" and that the Bank of England had an "American" Adviser from 1927 to 1931, if not before and after, because it wished to learn the latest methods of bank ing, our attention will not be so likely to be attracted to the idea that both the economic and political fortunes of mankind may be not so much at the mercy of inexorable natural law, as the outcome of manipulation by small groups of men who know exactly what they are doing.

This distinction is vital. Consider the events of the years between the European phase of the present war, be ginning with the armistice of November, 1918, and the resumption of hostilities in 1939.

The first point to be observed is the crystallisation of policy along lines clearly recognisable as imposed by a de termination to adhere to the conventional subservience of a debtor to a creditor and, with it, "employment" as the back bone of Government. While it is probably not true to say that the, United States, in the ordinary acceptation of the term, was determined to use

the highly artificial position created by the insistence on the assumption of all financial Great Britain, it is certain that German-Jewish bankers in America were fully aware that it was much more important to win the peace than to lose the war, and that this was the weapon with which victory could be achieved.

The War Debt due from Great Britain to the United States was $4,368,000,000. Since it was stipulated that it was *payable in gold* it was equivalent to £897,534,246.Without traversing the endless arguments as to whether the, as usual, disproportionate losses in men and material, in a common war, on the part of Great Britain (America's losses in killed and wounded were 322,000; ours nearly three million) accompanied by fantastic taxation, were not a just ground for claiming that no debt was reasonably due, it is essential to understand that the benefit of the orders placed in America was immense to the Americans. Not one dollar, of course, paid for war material produced in Great Britain.

In 1922, Stanley Baldwin, an almost unknown politician, became Chancellor of the Exchequer. Montagu Collett Norman, from being a member of the firm of Brown, Shipley & Company, the London Branch of a powerful American financial group, was appointed Governor of the Bank of England, apparently for life. Previously, it had been customary for the Governor to be elected yearly from the more important merchant bankers of the City. Dr. Walter Stewart for a short while, and subsequently Dr. O. M. W. Sprague, both American banking economists; were installed from Washington, to "advise" him. Their advice coincided in time, with the greatest depression in history.

The first concern of Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Norman was to visit Washington for the purpose of establishing by agreement the terms which were to govern the service of the colossal debt. This visit was made in January, 1923, and in the party was Sir Otto Ernst liability of the "victorious" belligerents by

Niemeyer. The terms agreed were onerous in the extreme *(e.g.* eight times as heavy as those imposed on Italy), but in fairness to the Americans it - must be stated that they were apparently surprised that they were accepted. The debts owing by other belligerent nations were, settled on much easier terms.

Mr. Balfour had previously stated officially that Great Britain would only ask from her allies such financial payments as would meet the demands of her own creditors, *i.e.,* the United States. The result of this was to make the United States the only and very large financial beneficiary of the 1914-1918 phase of the war (see *Hansard,* December 15, 1930) and to leave all the other "victorious" combatants heavy losers. The question of the military loser, Germany, requires separate consideration.

It was stated in many quarters that the large payments which for a time were made to the U.S. Treasury in connection with the arrangements negotiated by Messrs. Baldwin & Norman were of little consequence. This rather confusing statement—confusing, that is, to the ordinary individual whose financial means, and consequent personal comfort, are subject to the more ordinary arithmetic of daily life, emanated from the Central Bankers who no doubt based their statements on the knowledge that they could adjust taxation so that the payments were concealed. In any case the absolute size of the payments was far from being the main issue, which was the control over British policy. This is not in doubt.

The control was exercised in two ways. In the first place, and for the first time in history, the New York dis count rate became, and remained for nine years, one-half per cent, lower than the Bank of England discount rate— the "Bank Rate."

The effect of this was to secure for New York all the foreign financing which had

previously been done in the City of London. The fact that the American public was sold large quantities of worthless bonds may have been poetic justice, yet did not conduce to good international relationships.

It is certain, moreover, that a direct political control of a coercive character was applied to British legislation. For the purposes of this preliminary survey it is only necessary to mention two instances, one in the realm of major foreign policy, and the second, in domestic legislation.

At the moment, objective consideration of the Japanese is difficult. It would be absurd, however, to deny that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance was a major benefit to Great Britain in the 1914-1918 phase of the War. While Japan took little part-in Europe (she did send destroyers to the Mediterranean, by 'request) she observed the letter of the Treaty scrupulously. The abrogation of it, and the Washington Naval Agreement limiting Japan to a position of naval inferiority, did two profound injuries to the British Empire. It was an unprovoked and rather ungracious blow to Japanese "face"—the most vulnerable aspect of Asiatic diplomacy. And it demonstrated to the: whole of Asia, including India, that the important capital to placate was no longer London, but Washington. Nothing could have made a new war more certain.

In the domestic sphere, the most easily apprehended instance of the general policy is the horse-power tax on motor vehicles. Here again, it is not so much the monetary aspect which is important, although it is quite possible that the restriction of high-powered cars to the very rich had a profoundly disruptive social effect, playing into the hands of the agitator concerned-to suggest that the poor are poor because others are not so poor. Its main effect, and its object, was to throw open the British Empire to the high-powered American car and truck, and to deprive the British manufacturer of the experience which only a home market using a type of vehicle suitable elsewhere could provide. The midget car imposed on the British public was only suitable for perfect roads, short distances and careful usage, and its small market supported a high price and large fortunes for selected producers. There is little doubt that it was also intended to kill the development of the British aeroplane engine, and the aeroplane itself, but in those objectives only partial success was achieved.

In May, 1920, a policy of what can only be described as ruthless restriction of credit was inaugurated, both in Great Britain and the United States. No attempt of any description had been made to deal with the uncontrolled rise of prices, particularly of consumer's goods, and every where public discontent at genuine inflation, *i.e.*, a temporary increase in money units in the hands of the public, accompanied by an equal or greater rise mainly permanent in prices, reached such proportions as to constitute a "buyers' strike." That this rise of prices was intentional and a form of hidden taxation, is certain.

Heavy taxation, calling in of banker's overdrafts and restriction of trade credits by large industrialists to their smaller trade clients, produced immediate results. Workers were discharged, unemployment rose steeply, reaching three millions in Great Britain, and ten millions in the United States, where the same policy, with, however, much lower taxation, was instituted. In Great Britain, the policy was pursued for a much longer period. Suicides doubled in Scotland and rose 67 per cent, over the rest of the Kingdom during the deflationary period of about nine years. Bank-ruptcies increased by 700 per cent. (See *The Monopoly of Credit*, graph p. 137).

In the United States, however, the policy was completely reversed in six months and that country entered upon the greatest wave of industrial activity and material prosperity ever known in history, a wave which continued until October 1929.

One effect of this was to cause a drain of the highest- skilled manpower from this country to America. As an instance, one of the greatest difficulties in the Four Years War was a lack of "toolmakers," a technical term applied to the most skilful mechanics (almost the last to whom the term craftsmen can be applied). It is generally considered that a highly skilful toolmaker requires seven years' training. A large proportion of the toolmakers of this country emigrated during the restriction years, and most of them remained abroad.

It is certain that no nation in recorded history has receded so rapidly from a position of commanding influence in world affairs to one of almost complete impotence, as did Great Britain in the fifteen years which followed the armistice. Many factors contributed to this result, but financial policy is easily pre-eminent.

In 1925, after six years of steadily decreasing prosperity, disillusionment, and economic and political frustration, Mr. Winston Churchill who had become a Conservative on the practical disappearance of the Liberal Party, Chancellor of the Exchequer, restored the Gold Basis of the Sterling Financial system, with modifications to ensure that the ordinary individual could not buy gold in less than the "standard bar," worth about £1,700. (See *The Monopoly of Credit*, Chap. 6.) In effect, he could not buy gold except at the will of the Bank "of England."

In 1926 Sir Alfred Mond, of whom much more hereafter, also forsook the Liberal, for the Conservative Parity.

Mr. Churchill is probably the finest War Minister in history, and it is quite possible that, if we are to proceed from the assumption that this war was inevitable, the whole course of history has been changed for the better by his tenure of office. But it is evident that there is just as much historic continuity in the Whig love of "Dutch" Finance, and all those associated with it, in Mr. Churchill's peace time activities, as in the brilliant military mind which might be expected in a descendant of Marlborough.

More than any other one factor, this influence has dominated British policy in the vital armistice years. Mr. Lloyd George, the protégé of international Jewry, with his avowed intention to do anything to enable the pound sterling "to look the dollar in the face," *i.e.*, to have a gold exchange value of £3 18s. 3d. per oz; Mr. Churchill's close association with financial Jews in England and America, and his restoration of the gold exchange standard in 1925 (for which he has since publicly apologised); Mr. Baldwin's ecstatic . remark that the Bank Notes and Currency Act of 1928 had for ever prevented currency reformers from interfering with finance, are evidences, of which there are many more, that the tragedy of the wasted twenty years was not due to inability to pursue any policy, which is the common accusation brought against politicians of that era—it was a fixed instruction to pursue a policy, irrespective of consequences, which can be seen to have built up Germany and enfeebled the British Empire.

In these days of coalition Governments, control by "Planners" and other modem improvements, it is difficult to realise that Cavaliers and Roundheads, Whigs and Tories, were exponents of two philosophies. The Whigs were merchants, abstractionists, the dealers in intangibles.

It is not a coincidence that the Whigs, Quakers, and non-conformists, became bankers and collaborators with the Jews, both resident and continental. They were fundamentalists. The "Old Testament" was a record of the sayings and doings of an omnipotent if somewhat irrational Ruler, who spoke Elizabethan English and had a private staircase to Mount Sinai.

Consistency was not to be expected of Him. What we should now call masochism, the glorification of pain, was

explained by the idea that discomfort in this life automatically ensured bliss in a future existence. Carried to its logical conclusion, as many of Cromwell's semi-animal barbarians were prepared to carry it, the most certain way to prepare a general Heaven was to create a Hell upon earth.

This philosophy, as we shall see when we consider the case of Germany, runs through Lutherism, Calvinism, and other Puritan movements straight into civil war and revolution. Always, it is the attack of the black-coated theorist on the pragmatist, the farmer, the sailor, the pioneer. At the root of it is a denial of personal initiative and judgment, and the substitution of a set of transcendental values incapable of and indeed almost resenting, any attempt at proof.

Once this conception is grasped, it is easy to see haw indispensable it is to the supremacy of the financial system and those who control it. What appear to be failures of policy are really the greatest successes. As Mr. Montagu Norman remarked when mild expostulations on the obvious results of his government were brought to his attention, "I do not think it is good for people to be prosperous.".

About this date, Mr. Norman's salary was increased by several thousand pounds.

Under The influence of Whig mentality, words become reversed. A man who kills another is a murderer, and if he does it without passion, he is a cold-blooded murderer.

But mass murder in cold blood, is glorious and is war. Stealing is a crime, but unnecessary taxation is statesmanship.

Many attempts have been made, in a society in which finance is dominant, to show that the Puritan strain in British history is a source of strength. It would be mote true to say that it is an important factor in British development since the seventeenth century. How much of that development is tinsel, and how far it has departed from the natural genius of the English, Scottish and Welsh peoples may perhaps be easier to assess when we see the measure of its permanence.

After all the interest which was generated by our last article featuring Sir Albert Howard, C.I.E., M.A., F.L.S. this week we share an important article first published in the English Journal "Soil and Health" from 1947.

OUR ORGANIC FARMING PARTNER

RESTORING THE NATURAL PARTNERSHIP.

By Sir Albert Howard

In Nature animals and plants lead an interlocked existence. The connection could not be closer, more permanent, or more crucial.

We can observe this partnership in the forest, in the prairie, in marshes, streams, rivers, lakes, and the ocean.

If we watch our wayside hedges, we at once realise the consequences of this plant-animal relationship. The mixed wastes of the two populations fall on the surface of a soil already rich in organic matter and are automatically converted into more high-quality humus, which is then used to feed first the soil population and then the vegetation. Every spring the wildings come into leaf, flower, and die down in the autumn before the winter rest. There is practically no disease; no crop failures occur. Nature's arrangements obviously succeed.

In the Far East great stress has always been laid on the fullest use of the animal. In India the cow is regarded as sacred and its preservation is welded into one of their great religions. Thus the slaughter of the cattle (maintained for work, milk, and manure) in times of scarcity has been prevented: the cow-dung essential for the rice nurseries and other vital crops has been safeguarded. The operations of Nature have thus helped in the makeup of the population, of their religion, and their agriculture.

A somewhat similar partnership between crops and live stock began to be established in Great Britain when the defects of the manorial farming of the Middle Ages were made good by enclosure and the laying down of the exhausted open arable fields to grass, Mixed farming developed: the Norfolk four-course system was ultimately devised and adopted all over the island. It was in full and successful operation on my own family farm in Shropshire in my early years.

Then a change for the worse began. Our growing industries demanded cheaper raw materials and cheaper food for the workers. The well-farmed fields of Great Britain had to face cheap produce subsidised by the unconscious transfer of the capital of the soils of the New World to current account. It became impossible to farm on the old Norfolk pattern: our farming partner, the animal, had to be given up in favour first of the machine and the manure bag, then of various types of monoculture in which live stock had little or no place. An alternative was to concentrate on animals at the expense of the crop, the live stock being fed largely on imported feeding stuffs. So the balance between the crop and the animal was destroyed: the self-supporting farms of the nineteenth century became a memory.

Nor does Great Britain stand alone in her abandonment of the animal as our farming partner. The plantation industries—tea, coffee, cacao, sugarcane, rubber, coconuts, bananas, maize, and cotton—furnish perhaps the best examples of monoculture in which the animal has been banished almost completely. A history of ever-advancing disease and the need for a stream of new varieties is Nature's reply to this disregard of her laws. Though the majority of the plantation industries, as now conducted, are entering into their twilight, pioneers have already indicated the way to

transform present failure into future success. Some of the tea, cacao, and coffee estates have begun, by reinstating the animal, to restore both the fertility of the soil and their own prosperity.

Great Britain has been much slower than her overseas possessions in removing the worst consequences of monoculture. To maintain production in the potato crop, for example, reliance is still placed on the manure bag, the poison spray, and frequent changes of seed. As will be evident from Professor Newcomb's results (p. 135), a fertile soil will make the manure bag and the poison spray unnecessary. The experience of the islanders of Tristan da Cunha proves that with organic manuring the variety of potato will last at least a century and the seed need not be changed.

Failure also follows any attempt to concentrate on livestock at the expense of the crop, thus once again upsetting the balance between plant and animal. The periodical disasters in Australian sheep farming, due to shortage of food in times of drought, are notorious. In Great Britain the development of meat and milk production based first on imported feeding stuffs and now on produce largely raised by artificial manures has lowered the reproductive power of the cow from the normal twelve lactations to round about three. Many of our milking cattle, moreover, are rotten with diseases like tuberculosis, contagious abortion, mastitis, and troubles of the alimentary tract.

In all these cases we see Nature hitting back when her rule of balance between the plant and the animal is flouted. She is trying to tell us that we must restore the natural partnership.

But the official advisers of our farmers are doing their utmost to sidetrack Nature's warnings. Animals are still being replaced by artificials and spraying devices. These substitutes are excused by statements that it is impossible to produce enough high-quality' compost because of the absence of the raw materials needed and the cost of their conversion into humus. But these advisers forget that the residues of over forty million people are running to waste, the correct utilisation of sewage sludge has begun, and the compost age is dawning. As the trickle of results grows into an avalanche—as is now happening overseas— it will soon be realised that the animal is our farming partner and no practice or knowledge which ignores this fact will contribute anything to human welfare or indeed have any chance either of usefulness or survival.